

## Message Text

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R 191520Z MAY 78  
FM AMEMBASSY CAPE TOWN  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1317  
USMISSION USUN NEW YORK  
INFO AMEMBASSY BONN  
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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PINT, PINS, PDEV, MOPS, RH  
SUBJECT: RHODESIA: RED CROSS OFFICIALS KILLED

1. LOCAL PRESS REPORTS ON AFTERNOON OF MAY 19 THAT  
THREE RED CROSS OFFICIALS, INCLUDING TWO EXPATRIATE  
SWISS NATIONALS, WERE EXECUTED BY RHODESIAN GUERRILLAS.  
ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, THE KILLINGS TOOK PLACE ON  
MAY 18 AT NYAMAROPA, ON THE MOZAMBIQUE BORDER. REPORTEDLY  
THE THREE MEN WERE TRAVELING IN A WHITE RED CROSS  
VEHICLE, FLYING THE RED CROSS FLAG, AND WERE STOPPED,  
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MADE TO GET OUT, KNEEL BY THE CAR AND SHOT. THE ACCOUNTS  
SAY THAT THE RHODESIAN GOVERNMENT HAS FLOWN IN LOCAL  
AND INTERNATIONAL JOURNALISTS TO VIEW THE SCENE OF THE KILLINGS.

2. COMMENT: THE RHODESIAN AUTHORITIES MAY FIND THE  
INCIDENT CONVENIENT FOR PROPAGANDA PURPOSES FOLLOWING  
ON THE GUTUTIL KILLINGS OF "CURFEW BREAKERS" (PRETORIA 2887).

IN KEEPING WITH THE PUBLICITY THEY GAVE THE MISSIONARY KILLINGS  
LAST YEAR, THE RHODESIAN GOVERNMENT SEEMS SET TO DO THE SAME  
IN THIS CASE, TO THE EXTENT OF FLYING REPORTERS OUT TO THE SCENE,  
AND OFFER NOT MADE IN THE CASE OF THE CURFEW BREAKERS.  
EXPECT WE WILL BE ASKED FOR OUR REACTION TO BOTH INCIDENTS.  
PROPOSE WE RESPOND THAT WE KNOW ONLY WHAT HAS APPEARED IN THE  
MEDIA, WE CONDEMN SUCH ACTS NO MATTER BY WHOM THEY ARE PERPETRATED,  
AND THE SOONER AN INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTABLE SETTLEMENT IS  
REACHED IN RHODESIA, THE SOONER AN END CAN BE BROUGHT TO SUCH  
TRAGIC INCIDENTS.  
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